

Duck River Nature Trail Public Exhibition

How to use the interactive map

This guide has been prepared to assist you in using the interactive map and commenting on the public exhibition.

When opening the application for the first time, you will be presented with a map and a side panel which has the **Layers and legend** pane, and the **Add a comment** pane.



Figure 1 - Interactive map at start

Interacting with the map

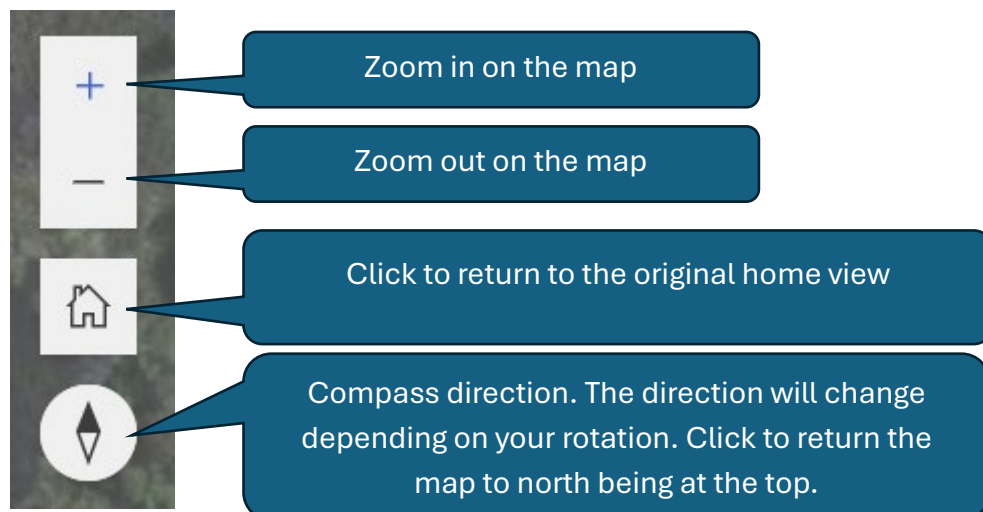
You can move (pan) around the map by holding down your left mouse button and moving your mouse. The cursor will change to a "grabbing hand" while you are doing this. Release the mouse button to stop panning around the map.

You can zoom in and out of the map by rolling the scroll wheel on your mouse. If you zoom out too far, the map will turn white. Either zoom back in on the map or click on the "house" button to return to the original view scale.

You can rotate the map clockwise or counter-clockwise by holding down the right button on your mouse and moving the mouse.

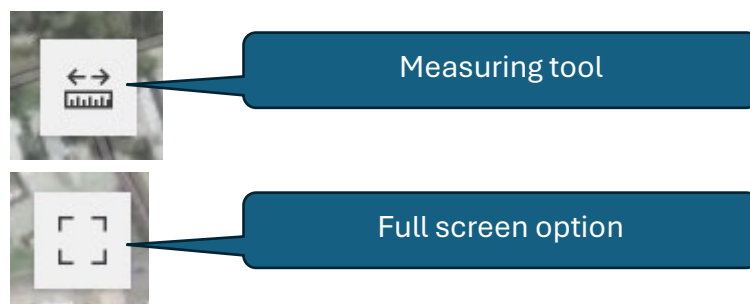
Note: if you have your mouse set up for left-handed use, the buttons will most likely be reversed.

The map pane also has other buttons that you can use to interact with the map. The main buttons are shown below and are located at the top-left of the map pane.



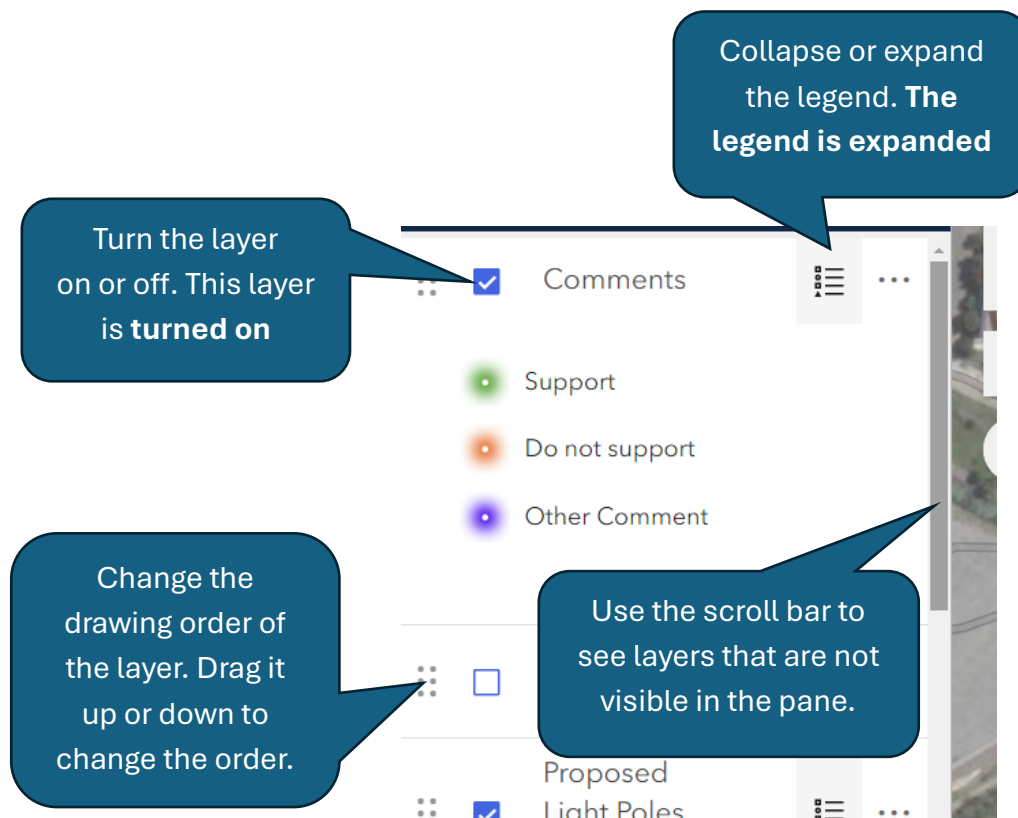
Note: if you zoom out too far, the map pane will turn white. Use the Home button to return to the original view.

Other tools include measuring distance and area (top right); and go to full screen view (bottom right).



Interacting with the layers and legend pane

The layers and legend pane allows you to turn on or turn off layers, change the order of drawing, or expand/collapse the legend.

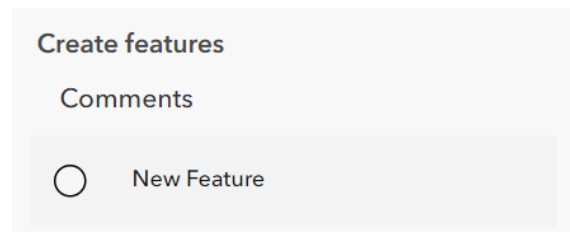


Adding a comment to the map

The **Add a comment** pane allows you to drop a point on the map and add a brief comment. The limit to any comment is 255 characters, including spaces and punctuation. Anything added beyond that will not be recorded.

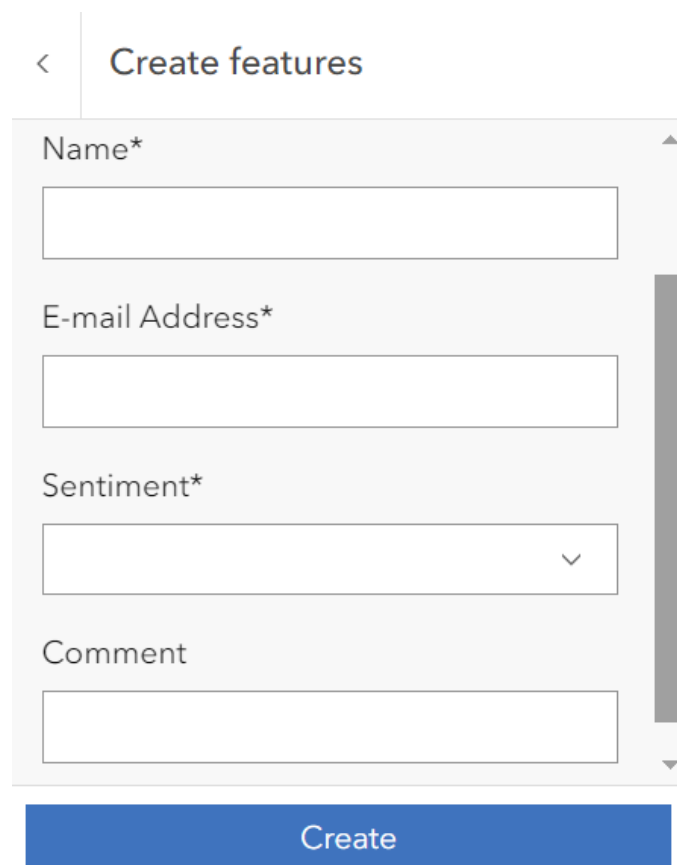
To add a comment:

Firstly, click on the **New Feature** item under Create features option.



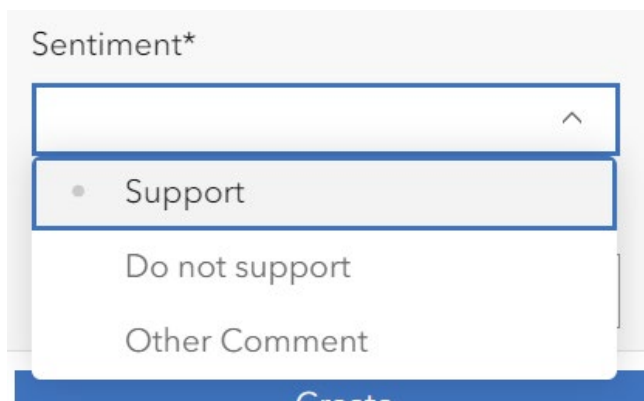
Then click on the map to add your first point. The point will be a black dot to begin with. This is intentional and the colour will change depending on your Sentiment option.

Fill out the details in the Create Features pane, as shown below. Your name and e-mail address are required fields. These must be filled in to enable the point to be dropped.

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Create features' with a back arrow on the left. The form contains four input fields: 'Name*' (a text box), 'E-mail Address*' (a text box), 'Sentiment*' (a dropdown menu with a downward arrow), and 'Comment' (a text box). Below these fields is a blue button labeled 'Create'. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the form area.

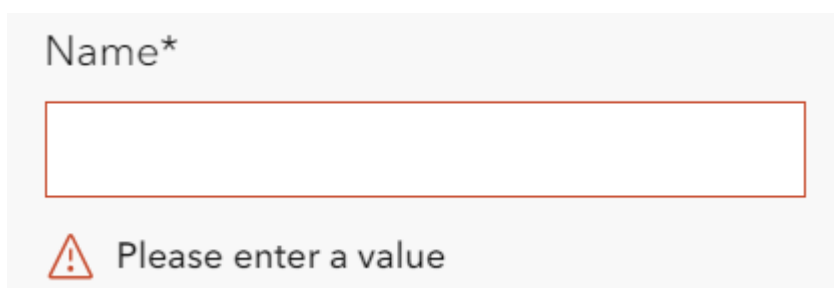
*Note: If you want your comment to remain anonymous you can enter **Anon** or **Anonymous** in the required Name and E-mail address fields. However, in doing so you will not be contacted by Council in relation to your comments submitted; and you will not be notified of any post-exhibition reports to Council for the plans to be finalised.*

Choose your option in the Sentiment drop-down menu. This is also a required field, and you can only choose from the options shown below. The colour of your final point will then be displayed depending on option chosen.

A screenshot of a web form showing a dropdown menu for the 'Sentiment*' field. The dropdown is open, displaying three options: 'Support' (selected with a blue dot), 'Do not support', and 'Other Comment'. Below the dropdown is a blue 'Create' button.

Then enter your comment. Keep in mind the 255 character limit. If you want to draft your comment in a text editor to check the length (e.g. Notepad), you can also copy and paste your comment into the Comment field.

If you have not included a value in a required field, the following error will be displayed. Go back and make sure all required fields are completed.

A screenshot of a web form showing the 'Name*' field. The field is empty and has a red border. Below the field is a red warning icon and the text 'Please enter a value'.

Once you have completed all the fields, click on the **Create** button.

You can then repeat the process to add further comments.

IMPORTANT: You cannot edit or undo a comment once you have placed it.

If you do not want to use the commenting feature on the interactive map, you can make submissions by e-mail as advised on the Participate Parramatta portal.